

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 13

THE GREAT COMMISSION.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:45-49.

GOLDEN TEXT—Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28:20.

This lesson consists of two paragraphs which constitute what might be termed two commissions or two parts of the Great Commission. There are four distinct accounts of the final commands of our Lord to his disciples, each presenting a different phase of the work he committed to his followers. In this lesson we have for our consideration two of these aspects which ought not to be confused.

I. The Appearance in Jerusalem, Thomas Being Absent. Luke 24:36-49.

(1) The Resurrected Lord, vv. 36-43. The Emmaus disciples reported to the disciples, and those gathered with them in Jerusalem, the things they had experienced, especially in the breaking of bread. This occurred late in the evening (see Luke 24:29, 33). While they, and the others, were rehearsing the many things that had taken place on that first eventful day, Jesus himself suddenly appears in their midst without the opening of a door and asks them of their thoughts. Once before he had thus searched them (Luke 9:46, 47), but now the occasion is quite different. Fear of the Jews had crowded them into this room but no closed door except that of the human heart can keep out the risen Lord. Simon's report (ch. 24:34) and that of the Emmaus disciples were not sufficient to allay their fear. Fear at this visible evidence of the supernatural is true of us all, but when Jesus truly is present there is peace no matter what may be the turmoil without, or the fear within.

Man of Flesh and Bone. This appearance was a demonstration that it was he himself, and to add proof upon proof he first showed them his pierced hands and feet, and then called for fish and ate it before, and doubtless with, them. Jesus is today a man of flesh and bone as much as when he walked Galilee's hills. His blood he poured out upon Calvary. The evidence of the literal, physical resurrection of Christ is so overwhelming that the unbeliever does violence to his reason not to accept it.

(2) The Ascended Lord, vv. 44-49. This coming of Jesus and his message of peace and assurance brought also a commission that this great fact be told to others. The event recorded in these verses did not occur in Jerusalem but upon Mount Olivet and constitutes the final appearance of Jesus. As he had done often before, so now he sets his seal upon the Old Testament, expressly speaking of its books under their accepted three-fold division (v. 44). In these there are between three and four hundred direct, not to speak of the indirect, prophecies concerning him. What we need is to have the Holy Spirit that we may "understand" (v. 45), the purpose of his life and death. Jesus taught his disciples what that purpose is (v. 47), viz., the "remission of sins," based on the sure ground of his finished work. This, and this alone, is the gospel and it is to be preached in his name unto all nations—a missionary suggestion—but beginning at home, in Jerusalem. Verse 49 tells us of that other needed preparation to make us effective witnesses, the endowment of the Holy Spirit.

Some Disciples Doubted.

II. The Appearance to the Eleven in Galilee, Matt. 28:16-20. This event took place much later than that mentioned in the first part of the previous section. As we carefully read this section it suggests that Jesus was somewhat removed from the disciples, yet their vision was so clear that they worshiped him, though some doubted. Drawing near to the disciples he first of all emphasizes his supreme authority, "all power is given unto me," and on that authority he commissioned them to their work of discipling "all nations." Mark's rendering of this commission (16:15, 16) is more inclusive, "to the whole creation," including all of man's welfare, social as well as spiritual. For Jesus thus to claim authority and to send forth his ambassadors and still not be "the very God of the very God" is to stamp him either as an impostor or a lunatic. Because all power is his, therefore the obligation and the accompanying Holy Spirit who will enable us to teach the things he has commanded. There is a blessed fellowship, "Lo, I am with you all the days."



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## He Knew.

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"The war, instead of relaxing temperance morality, has stiffened it. In this stiffening effect the war isn't like Blanc's case."

"A ragman knocked at Blanc's door. 'Any old rags or bones, sir?' he said."

"No. Go on away," said Blanc. 'My wife's gone South for the winter.'"

"The ragman beamed. 'I give three cents apiece for empty bottles, sir,' he whispered?"

Washington Star.

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Limitations.

"Is Jinks eccentric?"

"He ain't rich enough; he's just a blamed crank."—Philadelphia Ledger

Why Money is Feminine.

Teacher—In French, money is feminine. Can anyone tell me why?

Pupil—Yes, ma'am; because it talks.

Twice Answered.

Amelia—Is your husband domestic?

Marie—No, French.—Judge.

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## ALL FOR TUBERCULOSIS WORK

None of the Proceeds of Sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals is for War Relief.

None of the proceeds from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals which are being sold widely throughout the United States for the benefit of the antituberculosis movement will be used for war relief purposes, according to a statement issued by Ernest P. Bicknell, national director of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Bicknell says: "While the Red Cross is trying very hard to raise a large war relief fund and is anxious to secure contributions that will increase this fund, we do not feel justified in adopting any policy which will tend to cripple the tuberculosis work in this country, which is dependent for its support to so large an extent on the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals."

"At the present time there are over one thousand antituberculosis societies distributed over nearly every state in the Union, and even in Vera Cruz, the canal zone and far off Hawaii, which are dependent almost entirely upon the receipts from the Red Cross seal sale for their work during the year 1915. The people of the United States must support this local war against tuberculosis, which annually kills 200,000 people, and at the present time is leaving a trail of a million wounded."

Surely Fitted for the Job.

A farmer who lived in a certain rural village had 20 employees on his farm, and as none of them was as energetic as the farmer thought, he should be he hit upon a plan which he believed would cure them of their lazy habits.

"Men," he said, one morning, "I have a nice easy job for the laziest man on the farm. Will the laziest man step forward?"

Instantly 18 of the men stepped forward.

"Why didn't you step to the front with the rest?" inquired the farmer of the remaining one.

"Too much trouble," came the reply.

Bell Rings When Fish Bite.

John Blow, a farmer in Escambia county, Alabama, has devised a new method of catching big fish without consuming his time. For years he has been taking large catfish and trout on trot lines. His home and truck farm are on the Conecuh river banks.

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Somewhat Awkward.

A young Parisian, noted for his grace and readiness as a second in many duels, had been asked by a friend to accompany him to the mayor's office and affix his signature as a witness to the matrimonial ceremony.

He consented, but when the scene was reached awkwardly forgot himself.

Just as the mayor was ready for the last formalities, he broke out, to the astonishment of all parties, with the remark:

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Opposite Methods.

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After doing the volplane love is apt to land in cold water.

America's "Busy Berthas." During the Spanish war America was rather proud of her gunnery. But it proved nothing to what the navy has since accomplished in range and accuracy.

In the same way, even the excellent showing made by the new siege guns which have just been given their trial at Fort DuPont will, of course, be outdistanced ultimately. At present, however, it is very satisfactory. These four-ton guns are not quite "Busy Berthas," but they are a big advance over present army ordnance in this country.

America will probably never need such guns as the Germans built to batter the great forts of the allies. The army authorities are putting emphasis on something that will be more important in any battles America may fight—marksmanship. Without that even the latest siege guns are useless.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Not Taking Her From Him.

She—'I'm afraid poor papa will miss me when we are married.

He—Why, is your father going away?

It's enough to make a horse laugh to see a male flirt nursing a broken heart.

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If a man is seasick it's natural for him to want the earth.

## VITAL FORCE

Disease germs are on every hand. They are in the very air we breathe. A system "run down" is a prey for them. One must have vital force to withstand them. Vital force depends on digestion—on whether or not food nourishes—on the quality of blood coursing through the body.

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Daily Thought.

Accustom yourself to master and overcome things of difficulty, for, if you observe, the left hand for want of practice is insignificant, and not adapted to general business, yet it holds the bridle better than the right from constant use.—Elley.

Always Have It on Hand.

Don't wait until you get scalded or burned because that will mean much suffering while you are sending to the dealer for Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. Always have it on hand and be prepared for accidents. The Balsam should give you quick relief. Adv.

Space Suspicion.

It is said that when women get the vote, ballot boxes will button up the back.—Life.

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